

Holt County Sentinel.

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HU. SOROL'S.

A few days ago the editor is in quest of some contributions for his paper. He says—“What we want for this column is as mean as possible, persons of nobel suits to be defrayed by us,” by the writer—“funeral expenses by us,” by the lawyer. Mr. E. was preparing his defense for the next Sabbath, stamping occasionally to review what he was disposed to disapprove, when he was arrested by his little son, who had numbered but two summers:

“Father, does God tell you what to do?”

“Yes, my child.”

“Then what makes you scratch it out?”

“Why don’t you whip that fellow?”

we asked of a green specimen of humanity, who had gone through a long quarter.

“Well,” he replied, “he’s a dangerous man, for he had a brother who killed himself.”

“Well, what time does your folks

dine?”

“Soon as you goes; that’s mornin’s orders.”

An exchange has an advertisement for a servant who is a plain cook, able to dress a little boy five years old.”

A little girl worn out by a long sermon, observing the preacher gathering himself for the introduction of another “point” exclaimed, “Oh, mother, he is not going to quit at all! he is swelling up again.”

“Mike can you account for the extraordinary curve in this horse’s back?”

“Sure am I can, Sir. Before the heat was on her property she was backed’g in an Irish horse that bate her all hollow, and she never got straight again.”

Alexander Wood, the eminent Edinburgh surgeon, was fortunate, at an early period of his life, in the social position of a lady whose social position was at the time superior to his own. He waited on the lady’s father, who was known in the city as “honest George Chalmers,” and made known to him that he proposed to marry his daughter Veronica.

“On what do you mean to support her?” said Mr. Chalmers.

Taking off his lanceet, Mr. Wood re-

plied, “I have nothing but this and a deter-

mination to use it.”

“It is enough,” said Mr. Chalmers.

“Veronica is yours.”

No bull of Irish extraction can excel this of Cobelt.” In one of his “Foolish Blits” he says: “I saw no corn standing in ticks; a thing I never saw before, and would not have believed it had I not seen it.

A gentleman asked a negro boy if he wouldn’t take some snuff. “No,” replied the darkey, very respectfully, “Pomp’s nose not hungry.”

At a late meeting of the Presbytery, when the subject of Scripture was under discussion, Brother W— said—“In his ministry he and another brother were conducting a meeting in which there was much religious interest. An old man gave expression to his joy by shouting, and continued it until it began to interrupt the service. Brothers and sisters said, ‘Go, stop that old man’s noise.’ He went to him and spoke a few words, and the shouting man at once became quiet. ‘Brother H—’ asked Brother W—, ‘what did you say to the old man that quieted him so promptly?’ ‘I asked him,’ said Brother H—, ‘for a dollar for foreign missions.’

St. Louis as our National Capital.

The Chicago Tribune has begun the agitation for the removal of the National Capital to the Mississippi Valley. The rich soil, the great extent of navigation of rivers, plantations those of St. Louis shows that it is in earnest, and means business. The motion it has been put before the country is treated with good-humored ridicule by the Tribune; this morning, but the discussion will excite will soon become earnest enough to be beyond reach of ridicule.

On the day when the news reached us we have not the faintest doubt. The completion of the Pacific Railway, and the movements of population which will follow it, make it certain that the capital of the United States cannot for many years longer remain anywhere on our Eastern frontier.

Before the great railway removed “the West” thousands of miles nearer to the seat of government than they had ever been, and had gone as far as Columbus, Ohio, and was moving steadily in the same direction at the rate of fifty miles a year. Now it will go with a jump. Within ten years the States and Territories of the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific slope will gather in an increased population larger than that of all the States east of the Hudson, and the larger States of the Mississippi Valley will rank with New York and Pennsylvania in population.

With every step of this advance the absurdity of having a Capital whose site was once central to a thin belt of population along the Atlantic sea-board, will become more and more apparent. The Western people will before long begin to demand a re-adjustment in accordance with the wants of a nation spreading westward to the Pacific, and lately when they have agreed on any man or measure, they have somehow managed to carry the nation with them.

—New York Mail.

An EXCUSE FOR SMOKING.

In the reign of James I, of tobacco-hunting notoriety, the boy of a school acquired the habit of smoking, and indulged it night and day, using the most ingenious expedients to conceal the vice from their master, till one lucky evening he set fire to the dormitory.

“How now,” quoth the domine to the first lad; “how dare you be smoking?”

“Sir,” said the boy, “I am subject to headaches, and a pipe takes off the pain.”

“And where, and you? and you?” inquired the pedagogue, questioning every boy in his turn.

One had a “raging tooth;” another, colic; the third, a cough; in short, they all had something.

“Now, sirrah,” belloved the doctor, to the last boy, “what disorder do you smoke for?”

“The estates are exhausted; but the interrupted uean, putting down his pipe, after a farewell whiff and looking up in his master’s face, said, in a whining hypocritical tone:

“Sir, I smoke for corns!”

A BILL FULL.—Some persons engaged in cutting hay near town, a few days ago, found a person, a woman, in the belly of which they found four rabbits and five guinea hens eggs.

The eggs were unjugged, and have been placed under a hen, to ascertain whether they will hatch.—*Chicago.*

Mr. Boutwell has still over \$100,000,000 cash on hand, with more coming in. So we are assured, and the public revenue of the national debt. Let us hope he will be satisfied that the debt is paid off without any serious effort, and the government credit will soon feel the benefit of public confidence.

—*Chicago Daily Tribune.*

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